

Chambers of District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga

Federal Courthouse Square, 301 North Miami Avenue, 4th Floor,
Miami, FL 33128-7705
Tel: (305) 523-5510



Cecilia M. Altonaga
District Judge

Education: Florida International 1983 BA;
Yale 1986 JD
Began Service: May 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge Edward B. Davis, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (1987-1988)

Government: Assistant County Attorney, Dade County Attorney's Office (1988-1996)

Judicial: Circuit Court Judge, Miami-Dade County, Eleventh Judicial Circuit (1999-2003); County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County (1996-1999)

Current Memberships: Cuban American Bar Association; Dade County Bar Association; Florida Association of Women Lawyers; Florida Bar

Staff

Law Clerk **Yordanka V. Delionado** (305) 523-5512
Law Clerk **Kristine A. Rembach** (305) 523-5512
Law Clerk **Adam L. Schwartz** (305) 523-5513
Court Reporter **Barbara Medina** (305) 523-5518

Chambers of District Judge James I. Cohn

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Tel: (954) 769-5490

James I. Cohn
District Judge

Education: Alabama BS; Cumberland JD
Began Service: August 5, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Circuit Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit (1995-2003)

Legal Practice: Assistant Public Defender, Broward Public Defender's Office (1975); Assistant State Attorney, Broward State Attorney's Office (1975-1978); Attorney, Private Practice (1978-1995)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Phil Rothschild** (954) 769-5492
Education: Pennsylvania BA; UCLA JD
Court Reporter **Anita LaRocca** (954) 769-5498
Courtroom Deputy **Valarie Thompkins** (954) 769-5490

Chambers of District Judge Marcia G. Cooke

U.S. Courthouse, 301 North Miami Avenue, 6th Floor, Miami, FL 33128
Tel: (305) 523-5150

Marcia G. Cooke
District Judge

Education: Georgetown 1975 BSFS; Wayne State 1977 JD

Affiliation: Director, Georgetown University

Chambers of District Judge Marcia G. Cooke continued

Government: Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1992-1994); Acting Administrative Officer, Southern District of Florida, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1996-1997); Chief Inspector General, Executive Office of the Governor, State of Florida (1999-2002); Assistant County Attorney, County of Miami-Dade, Florida (2002)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1984-1992)

Legal Practice: Associate, Miro, Miro & Weiner (1983-1984)

Chambers of Senior Judge James Lawrence King

1127 James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 NE Fourth Street,
Miami, FL 33132
Tel: (305) 523-5000 Fax: (305) 523-5109

James Lawrence King
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927
Education: Florida 1949 BS, 1953 LLB
Began Service: October 30, 1970
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Dade County (1964-1970); Associate Justice, Florida Supreme Court; Associate Judge, Florida Court of Appeal, Third District (1966-1967); Temporary Chief Judge for Administration, United States District Court of the Canal Zone (1977-1978); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (1984-1991)

Legal Practice: Sibley & Davis (1955-1964)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1953-1955)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Dade County Bar Association; Florida Bar; Miami Beach Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Julie Axelrod** (305) 523-5000
Education: UCLA 2006 JD
Law Clerk **Ashley Litwin** (305) 523-5000
Education: Chicago 2006 JD
Court Reporter **(Vacant)** (305) 523-5108
Secretary **Sandra Diaz** (305) 523-5000

Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Hoeveler

U.S. Courthouse, 301 North Miami Avenue, 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33128
Tel: (305) 523-5570

William M. Hoeveler
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1922
Education: Bucknell 1947 BA; Harvard 1950 LLB
Began Service: May 1977
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Academic: Adjunct Professor, University of Miami Law School; Founding Director and Incorporator, Youth Industries, Inc.; Senior Lecturing Fellow, Duke University Law School

Legal Practice: Senior Partner, Knight, Peters, Hoeveler, Pickle, Niemoeller & Flynn (1951-1977)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1942-1946)

Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Hoeveler continued

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Construction Lawyers; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Dade County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Florida Bar Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges; Philadelphia Bar

Staff

Law Clerk **Mandana Dashtaki** (305) 523-5570
Law Clerk **Barbara Junge** (305) 523-5570
Secretary **Janice M. Tinsman** (305) 523-5570

Chambers of Senior Judge Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.

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Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Florida 1952 BA, 1957 JD
Began Service: July 28, 1978
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Corporate: Claim Representative, State Farm Mutual (1957-1958)

Government: Assistant State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit, State of Florida (1961-1964)

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit (1964-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Watson, Hubert & Sousley (1958-1964); Partner, Watson, Hubert & Sousley (1961-1964)

Military Service: Lieutenant, United States Army (1952-1954); Captain, United States Army Reserve (1954-1960)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Broward County Bar Association; Eleventh Circuit Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Fifth Circuit Bar Association; Florida Bar; Supreme Court of the United States Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Christine N. Rickard** (954) 769-5560
Education: Michigan 2000 BA; Vanderbilt 2004 JD
Secretary **Irma Doerfler** (954) 769-5560

Chambers of Senior Judge James C. Paine

453 Paul G. Rogers Federal Building, 701 Clematis Street,
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Tel: (561) 803-3430

James C. Paine
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924
Education: Columbia 1947 BS; Virginia 1950 LLB
Began Service: 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Partner, Jones, Paine & Foster (1950-1979)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1943-1946)

Staff

Law Clerk **Paola Beall** (561) 803-3430
Law Clerk **Margaret Presutti** (561) 803-3430
Judicial Secretary **Patricia Newkirk** (561) 803-3430

Chambers of Senior Judge Kenneth L. Ryskamp

Paul G. Rogers Federal Building, 701 Clematis Street, Room 416,
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Tel: (561) 803-3420 Fax: (561) 803-3429

Kenneth L. Ryskamp
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Calvin Col 1955 AB; Miami 1956 JD
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Mallory H. Horton, Florida Court of Appeal, Third District (1957-1959)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1959-1961); Partner, Goodwin, Ryskamp, Welcher & Carrier (1961-1984); Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (1984-1986)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Florida Bar; Michigan Bar Association

Staff

Courtroom Deputy **Irene Rivera** (561) 803-3422
Judicial Administrator **Sharon Hibbs** (561) 803-3420

Chambers of Senior Judge Shelby Highsmith

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Shelby Highsmith
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929
Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1958 BA, 1958 LLB
Began Service: October 11, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit (1970-1975)

Legal Practice: McElhern & Formby (1958-1959); Sams, Anderson, Alper, Meadows & Spencer (1959-1962); Partner, Highsmith & Ezzo (1962-1970); Partner, Highsmith, Strauss, Glatzer & Deutsch (1975-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1948-1955)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Dade County Bar Association; Florida Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **David Lancz** (305) 523-5170
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Education: Harvard 1999 JD
Career Law Clerk **Jennifer Cosgrove** (305) 523-5170
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Chambers of Chief Magistrate Judge Ted E. Bandstra

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Tel: (305) 523-5700 Fax: (305) 523-5709

Ted E. Bandstra
Chief Magistrate Judge (Interim)

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Calvin Col 1969 BA; Central Michigan 1978 MA; Miami 1981 JD
Began Service: September 25, 1989

Academic: Teacher, Westminster Christian School (1972-1976)

Government: Police Officer, Grand Rapids Police Department (1969-1972); Prosecutor, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1983-1986)

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